United Nations DP/2018/11

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Distr.: General
29 March 2018

Original: English

Annual session 2018
4-8 June, 2018, New York
Item 5 of the provisional agenda
Country programmes and related matters

Extensions of country programmes
Note of the Administrator

Summary

The present note contains information on the extensions of the country programmes for Kuwait, the Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone and the Syrian Arab Republic. Requests for first one-year extensions of country programmes are approved by the Administrator and presented to the Executive Board for information. Requests for second one-year extensions, two-year extensions and exceptional third year extensions of country programmes are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Kuwait, the Republic of the Congo and Sierra Leone from 1 January to 31 December 2019; (b) approve the second one-year extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic from 1 January to 31 December 2019.

Annex

Table 1. For information by the Executive Board: Extensions of country programmes

Country	Years covered by original CPD	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				One-year	Two-year	Harmonization of planning cycles	In-country political development	Other
Kuwait	2015-2018	N/A	January – December 2019	Yes		The purpose of this extension is to align the programme cycle to the completion of the 15 ongoing projects and the finalization and implementation of the remaining four pipeline projects.		
Republic of the Congo	2013-2017	N/A	January – December 2019	Yes		The purpose of this extension is to align the programme cycle to the UNDAF, which has been extended to December 2019.		
Sierra Leone	2015-2018	N/A	January – December 2019	Yes		The purpose of this extension is to align the programme cycle to the end of the implementation of the Agenda for Prosperity and to make room for the transition following the presidential and general elections in March 2018.		

Table 2. For approval by the Executive Board: Extensions of country programmes

Country	Years covered by original CPD	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				One-year	Two-year	Harmonization of planning cycles	In-country political development	Other
Syrian Arab Republic	2016-2017	2018	January – December 2019	Yes			The purpose of the extension is to allow UNDP to remain flexible at this time of uncertainty given the current context in the country, the state of the peace process and the ongoing discussion on United Nations planning.	

CPD – country programme document
UNDAF – United Nations Development Assistance Framework